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Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

21 May 1984

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SUBJECT: Feedback to D/ICS on 16 May Poindexter
Memo of Response to Beggs (NASA)

Tracks closely with D/ICS input to NSC
Staff.

Only significant deletion was the recommendation
for Beggs to report to NSC on the results of the
summer reviews.

Also replaced specific references to NASA's
need to coordinate with Sec/State, Sec/Defense and
DCI by a generalized reference "to increase the
structured participation by the national security
community." (Information copy of memo provided
only to DCI instead of all three.)

Memo was followed by two NASA representatives
meeting with Chairman/COMIREX:

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Dear Mr. Beggs:

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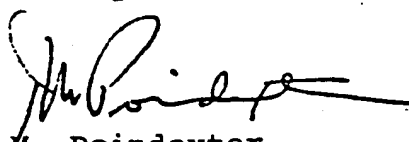
Thank you for your thoughtful and informative letter of March 16 concerning the national security aspects of the civil acquisition of imagery from space. (C)

It appears that our basic national policy regarding this issue is sound for the moment, but I recognize that additional guidance and understanding pertaining to specific missions and imaging systems may be required from time to time. (S)

Your emphasis on effective pre-mission planning to avoid the acquisition of "sensitive" imagery and on post-mission review of potentially sensitive imagery to prevent or delay its release is sound and appears to provide the basis for an effective means of fully protecting our national security interests. Beginning with the flights of the Large Format Camera in June and August and the SIR-B in August of this year, I encourage you to increase the structured participation by the national security community in this process. If any major policy issues arise from these reviews, the IG(Space) or, if necessary, the SIG(Space) can provide a forum for resolution. (S)

Thank you again for your personal interest in the subject and your spirit of cooperation. (U)

Sincerely,



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Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

✓ cc: Director of Central Intelligence

The Honorable James M. Beggs
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